

**Amendments to the Specification**

At specification page 5/8, replace the paragraph beginning with "[o]ptically recognizable markings" with the following replacement paragraph:

Optically recognizable markings can get smudged in the printing operation until it is no longer possible for the sensors to detect them. Therefore, information carriers such as magnetic tapes, transponder dipole chains, sequences of suitable metal structures etc. that can be read out magnetically or electromagnetically are preferred. For example, according to one embodiment of the present invention, the information carrier includes a sequence of magnetizable individual elements.

At specification page 6/8, replace the paragraph beginning with "Figure 1 illustrates" (as previously amended) with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 1 illustrates schematically the arrangement of an embodiment of a printing plate support 1 according to the present invention that has an information carrier 2. In this embodiment, the information carrier is an intentionally shaped magnetic tape 2 that is embedded into the printing plate support 1. However, linear magnetic tapes are usually preferred. The sensor 3 is attached at an appropriate place of the printing machine that is not illustrated here. The sensor 3 is suitable for reading out the

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magnetic tape 2. The sensor 3 transmits an analog signal over the signal line 6 8 to the control device 7 of the printing machine which subjects the signal to an analog/digital transducer and takes into account the information contained when generating register correction signals for the drives of the printing machine.